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CLAIMS PENDING AFTER AMENDMENT OF 24 APRIL 2003

Claim 1 (Currently amended) An elastic laminate ~~composed~~ comprising of at least a first layer of an elastic polymer film and of a second layer of an elastic textile sheet, where the finished elastic laminate has either a microembossed effect, a macroembossed effect, or both,

wherein a skin-accessible self-adhesive coating has been applied to the textile sheet-side on the side opposite to that in contact with the polymer film,

and wherein the first layer is composed of two coextruded layers with an outer layer and a tie layer, where the tie layer is composed of pure thermoplastic polyolefins.

Claim 2 (Previously presented). Laminate according to Claim 1, wherein the weight per unit area of the polymer film is from 15 to 150 g/m², the weight per unit area of the textile sheet is from 25 to 200 g/m² or both.

Claim 3 (Previously presented). Laminate according to claim 1 wherein the polymer film of the first layer has a structure comprising more than one layer of a copolymer of ethylene and polar comonomers or of a mixture of LDPE and an LLDPE, prepared by a metallocene-catalysed process.

Claim 4 (Previously presented). Laminate according to claim 1, wherein the polymer film of the first layer is a copolymer of ethylene and an a-olefin having a carbon number from C₄-C₈, where the copolymer has a melt index of from 1 to 20 g/(10 min) and density offrom 860 to 900 kg /m³.

Claim 5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Currently amended) The laminate Laminate according to claim 1, wherein the polymer film of the first layer comprises at least 65 wt.-% of a thermoplastic elastomer.

Claims 7-14 (Canceled).

Claim 15 (Previously presented). The laminate of claim 1, wherein only the polymer film layer is embossed.

Claim 16 (Previously presented). The laminate of claim 15, wherein the polymer film layer is microembossed.

Claim 17 (Previously presented). The laminate of claim 1, wherein the textile layer is macroembossed.

Claim 18 (Previously presented). The laminate of claim 17, wherein the textile layer is microembossed.

Claim 19 (Previously presented). The laminate of claim 1, wherein the first and second layers are macroembossed.

Claim 20 (Previously presented). The laminate of claim 1, wherein the first and second layers are microembossed.

Claim 21 (New) The laminate of claim 1, wherein the laminate shows no more than 10% permanent deformation in either the transverse or longitudinal direction after elongation of 50% of its original length.

Claim 22 (New) The laminate of claim 1, wherein the laminate shows no more than 10% permanent deformation in either the transverse or longitudinal direction after elongation of 100% of its original length.

Claim 23 (Currently amended) An elastic laminate backing material consisting essentially of elastic layers, the laminate composed of at least a first layer of an elastic polymer film and of a second layer of an elastic textile sheet,

wherein the finished laminate has either a microembossed effect, a

macroembossed effect, or both,

wherein to the textile sheets is applied a skin-accessible self-adhesive coating
wherein a self-adhesive coating has been applied to the textile sheet side on the
side opposite to that in contact with the polymer film,

and wherein the first layer is composed of two coextruded layers with an outer layer and a tie layer, where the tie layer is composed of pure thermoplastic polyolefins.